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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) ✓
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)/(e) as being clearly anticipated by US/6,525,639 to Cheng.

Regarding claim 1, Cheng disclosed (Fig. 2-5) a circuit breaker comprising: a body (10) having a chamber defined therein, a button (41) pivotally mounted at an upper side of the chamber, two terminals (20a, 20c) provided in the chamber and extending out from a bottom of the body (10), wherein a first of the terminals (20b) has a first node (21) formed at an upper end thereof, and a second of the terminals (20a) has a bimetallic strip (30) extending above the first terminal (20b) and a second node (32) formed at a distal end of the bimetallic strip (30) and electrically connected with the first node (21) in a normal status; and a key (81, 82) provided in the body (10) and between the terminals (20a, 20c) and beneath the bimetallic strip (30), the key

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(81, 82) having a lug (top portion of member (82)) formed on an upper surface of the key (81, 82) and abutting the bimetallic strip (30) in the normal status (Fig. 5).

Regarding claim 2, Cheng disclosed that said button (41) further has a tab formed at a bottom side thereof and near the first terminal (20b), and a hook (42) installed on the tab is attached to the distal end of the bimetallic strip (30).

Regarding claim 3, Cheng disclosed that said body (10) further has a channel (114) in communication with the chamber, and the key (81, 82) is received in the channel (114), (column 3, line 30).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure:

US/6448880, 3451029, 3936786, 3789339, 6674033, 6396381, 3946352, 4389630, 4517541, 4672353, 4823105, 5804798, 5781097, 5659285, 5107241, and 5014034 disclosed thermally actuated switches comprising pressing members abutting thermal elements.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anatoly Vortman whose telephone number is 571-272-2047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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